

REMARKS

Claims 6 and 7 are now pending in this application. Claims 3 and 5 have been cancelled in the interest of expediting prosecution. Claims 1, 2, 4, and 8 were canceled by the Preliminary Amendment filed with this application, since those claims were prosecuted in the parent application, Serial No. 10/050,864.

Claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by German Patent 19842532. Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over that German patent in view of the article "Fast-Acting Long-Stroke Bistable Solenoids With Moving Permanent Magnets," by Lequesne, IEEE Transactions of Industry Applications, Vol. 26, No. 3, May/June 1990. The canceling of these claims makes these rejections moot.

Claim 6 has been amended as to form, without affecting the substance of the claim. This amendment has been made only to assure grammatical and idiomatic English and improved form under United States practice, and not to distinguish the invention over the prior art or narrow the claim or for any statutory requirements of patentability. Further, Applicant specifically states that this amendment should not be construed as a disclaimer of any interest in or right to an equivalent of any element or feature of the amended claim.

All the claims were rejected for obviousness-type double patenting over Yamamoto, U.S. Patent No. 6,634,249. Submitted herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer overcoming this rejection. Consequently, claims 6 and 7 are allowable.

Objection was made to the Abstract as not complying with United States requirements. The new Abstract overcomes this.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 6 and 7, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are allowable, and that the application is in condition for allowance. Such action would be

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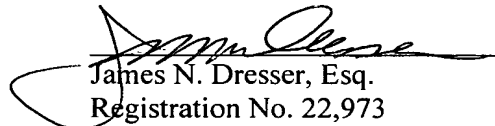
appreciated.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary for allowance in a telephonic or personal interview.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency in fees, including extension of time fees, or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

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